

**EPA WORKSHOP
B2B WEEE PRODUCERS
WEEE Directive
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Producer Responsibility Initiative Unit

Waste Streams

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- Batteries WEEE Ireland & ERP Ireland
- Packaging Repak
- Farm Plastics IFFPG
- RohS
- End of Life Vehicles
- Construction and Demolition Waste



Producer Responsibility Initiative Unit

Main Responsibilities

- Policy Responsibility for Producer Responsibility Initiative.
- Lead on European Negotiations.
- Transpose Directives into National Law.
- Monitor ongoing implementation of Domestic Regulations.
- PRI Review.



Recent Negotiations

Overview from August, 2011.

European Parliament Position

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| • Calculation Method | WEEE Generated |
| • Targets | 65% by 2016 |
| • Producer Definition | European Basis |
| • Small EEE | Specific Target |
| • Reuse | 5% Specific Target |



Recent Negotiations

- Series of Trialogue Meetings.
- October – December 2011.
- European Parliament/Presidency (Poland).
- Meetings where focus is to reach a deal.
- Agreement reached on 21st December.
- Text to be approved by Council shortly.
- Transposition by early 2014.



Main Changes

Scope

- Transition from current arrangements to an open scope over a six year period.
- European Commission to complete and impact assessment.
- No immediate change.



Main Changes

Targets

- 2014: Directive enters into force.
- 2014 – 2018 Existing method and targets.
- 2018 45% of WEEE (POM).
- 2021 65% of WEEE (POM) or 85% of WEEE Generated.



Main Changes

Reuse

- Greater focus on reuse.
- Access to reuse organisation at CA sites.
- Design not to inhibit reuse.
- Development of standards for reuse.
- Information for users.
- Capture information on level and tonnage.



Main Changes.

Shipments

- Tighter controls on WEEE shipments.
- Declaration that no EEE is waste.
- Burden of proof on exporter to show goods are being shipped for repair or reuse as appropriate.

National Registration

- Measures designed to reduce administrative burden for Producers.
- Ability to appoint an authorised representative in another Member State.
- Facility for administrative co-operation and information exchange between national registers.



Main Changes

Standards

- Further development of minimum standards.
- Collection, transport and treatment of WEEE.

Recovery/recycling targets

- 5% increase in provisions related to recovery and recycling targets in Article 11 (Annex v).



Implementation into Irish Law

- 18 month deadline from final agreement.
- Final deadline early 2014.
- EU Presidency.
- Will continue to work with WEEE & Batteries Monitoring Group.
- Focus on a collaborative approach with stakeholders and industry.
- Opportunity to review overall operation of WEEE Regulations.



Review of the Producer Responsibility Initiative Model in Ireland.

- Fundamental review of all aspects of the Producer Responsibility initiative in Ireland.
- Purpose is to ensure Ireland is well placed to meet future domestic and European recycling targets.



Review of the Producer Responsibility Initiative Model in Ireland.

Response to Emerging Challenges.

- Economic situation
- Programme for Government
- Regulatory Environment
- Reengineering of the Compliance Schemes



Review of the Producer Responsibility Initiative Model in Ireland.

- Interactive process with stakeholders.
- Examine all Waste Streams.
- Final report by end 2012.
- Get involved prireview@environ.ie



Thank you.

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